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ITALIAN PARLIAMENT IN UPROAR

DAMAGING BLAZE

Nanking To Accept Peace Proposals

LATEST REPORT

Shanghai, Mar. 18.—The Government's answer to the Chinese Communist eight-point peace programme was today reported to have been completed by the 10-man committee headed by former Premier Sun Fo.

A very reliable source told the United Press that the official reaction to Mao Tze-tung's conditions has been studied by Li Tsung-jen and is now before General Ho Ying-chin, who is not expected to make known his opinion pending a review by the Cabinet which he is now in the process of organising.

As outlined by the informant, almost outright acceptance of at least six of the eight points would be agreed to by Nanking. As known for some time, the demands for the punishment of those the Chinese Reds listed as war criminals and the reorganisation of the Kuomintang military are the two major points which the Nationalists are not willing to accept on the Red terms.

The first condition—war criminals—reportedly brought the committee's opinion that there would be considerable difficulty in defining the term "war criminal" in a civil war. Considerable legal reviewing was predicted by the committee in connection with that point.

NOT BIG OBSTACLE

The No. 2 point on the abolition of the present constitution, it was said, offered no major obstacle.

Kuomintang acknowledgment that the current government is illegal, the third point in Mao's list, reportedly brought a committee recommendation that dissolution of the National Assembly and Legislative Yuan is not impossible, but contained a counter proposition that any coalition government that might be formed should not be under the control of any one party.

The Army reorganisation was the fourth point. Here, again, agreement hinged on the definition. The Chinese Communists used the term "along democratic principles." The Kuomintang and Communist interpretation of "democratic" offers a chance of the greatest divergence. The Committee was said to have made a thorough study of the Marshall mission discussions of 1946 and was said not to have found any hope in the proposals of those days that might solve the current problem. It decided to commend that the issue should be thrashed out.

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OVER ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

Members Fight, Kick And Scream

POLICE BREAK UP RED DEMONSTRATORS

Rome, Mar. 17.—Police tonight charged Communist demonstrators marching towards the Chamber of Deputies. Some people were slightly hurt. This latest clash followed a stormy day in which Italian Members of Parliament had fought, kicked and screamed for several minutes in the Chamber.

Tonight the police closed the area around the Chamber and when the Communist demonstrators appeared, jeeps, packed with steel-helmeted police, charged the crowd with howling sirens.

In the Chamber, after 26 hours of nonstop debate, deputies of all parties tonight sat back wearily in their red leather seats and prepared to face another night of filibustering against the Atlantic Pact.

At 5 p.m., more than 70 Communists and Socialist speakers, each with 10 minutes at his disposal, remained on the speakers' list. Four attempts by left wing deputies to halt the session for a brief period of repose had been defeated.

Outside, in the setting spring sun, squads of steel-helmeted armed police took up positions around the Chamber to prevent any mass demonstration by Communists, who organised one-hour strikes in Rome factories this evening.

Inside, Communist deputies shouted at the Government that Parliament was surrounded by armed forces and seemed in a state of siege.

Earlier in the proceedings, Communist shouts of "murderers" and "criminals" had interrupted the debate when it was announced that a man had been killed and two others seriously injured in a clash between the police and anti-pact demonstrators at Terni, 50 miles north of Rome.

50 MPs FIGHT

A fight followed on the floor of the House, in which about 50 deputies of the opposing factions fought and kicked each other until separated by ushers.

The uproar interrupted a debate in which extreme left deputies are trying to "make" the debate to death. They had talked for 25 hours and it was estimated that the marathon might go on for another 15 to 20 hours.

The Chamber battle began when left wing deputies began their filibuster against a vote of confidence on the Premier, Signor Alcide de Gasperi's, Atlantic Pact policy.

A near riot ensued when the Premier spoke. Communists, Socialists and Christian Democrats struggled, women shrieked insults and had to be restrained by their male colleagues. Including the Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti.

While the Chamber continued its rowdiest session in living history, the Rome headquarters of the Communist-led National Confederation of Labour called a one-hour strike in protest against the pact.

Union members were ordered to stop work early today, and trams and buses were to stop work for an hour this afternoon. Labour leaders called this a "first protest."

Reuters's correspondent, Henry Buckley, wrote tonight: Political observers were convinced tonight that Signor Togliatti, the Communist leader, was throwing the whole weight of his two million strong Communist party into the fight against the Government in a desperate bid to stage as big a protest as possible against the Atlantic Pact.

Observers believed the Communists and Soviet Russia had hoped until the last at least to keep Italy neutral.

The delaying tactics of the extreme left deputies were expected to continue through the night, and it seemed the vote—a vote of confidence of the Premier's Atlantic Pact policy—would not be taken until early tomorrow afternoon.—Reuters.

WHERE ATLANTIC PACT WILL APPLY

The Hague, Mar. 17.—The Belgian Congo will not be included in the area to be covered by the Atlantic Pact, it was learned authoritatively here tonight.

A member of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee said the area to which the provisions of the Atlantic Pact would apply included:

- 1.—The European territories of the signatory nations.
- 2.—The North Atlantic Pact area, including its islands.
- 3.—The three French departments of Algeria.
- 4.—The Western occupied Zones of Germany and Austria.

The Committee member made this statement today after the combined session of the Foreign Affairs Committees of Belgium's Chamber and Senate—meeting behind closed doors—at which the Premier, M. Paul Henri Spaak, read the text of the proposed Atlantic Pact.

M. Spaak also reported on the recent meeting in London of the Western Union consultative Council. Members of the Committee said that there would be no communiqué.

M. Spaak stressed at the meeting the pact and defensive nature of the pact.

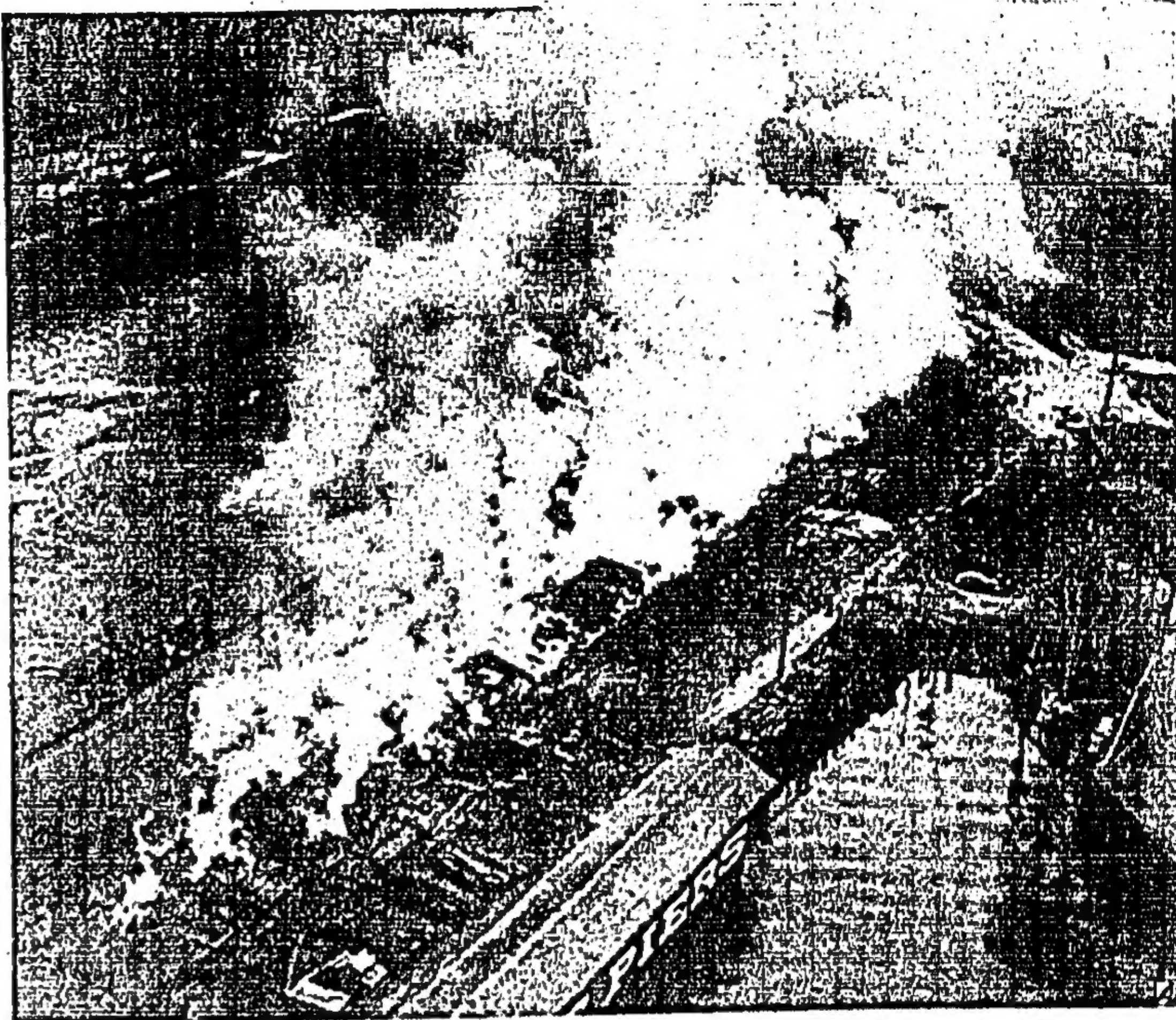
DEFENCE IMPOSSIBLE

"It is not in contravention of the existing Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet alliances," he said. M. Spaak claimed that if the United Nations had functioned normally, the North Atlantic Pact would not have been necessary.

The military defence of Europe was impossible without the United Nations, he said.

M. Spaak said the pact would be valid for 20 years and would be subject to revision after 10 years.

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Five fire boats and all of Tacoma, Washington State, fire apparatus fought a blaze at the Portacom Municipal dock area, to prevent it spreading to nearby warehouses. A 300-foot section of the 750-foot pier was damaged. Damage was estimated at about \$100,000.—AP Picture.

Western Germany Waits For "End Of World"

Frankfurt, Mar. 17.—A minor panic gripped rural areas of Western Germany today over rumours of the "end of the world." The rumours that today was the last day for mankind had been growing throughout Germany for several weeks. They were based upon a publicised prediction of an astrologer whom nobody could identify.

Most city dwellers went gaily and sceptically about their work as March 17 dawned blue and bright. But reports from Bavaria said that superstitious country folk were flocking to churches and making their wills.

In the Bayrische Wald, a furious blizzard last night, cut electric power cables and caused considerable excitement, reports from Passau said.

The reports said that altars were put up in homes and that churches were jammed with people who prayed for hours and refused to be calmed by priests.

The official weather station at Ries near Passau said it had received many calls from frightened folk asking the exact hour of the expected catastrophe.

NUREMBERG RUMOUR

Frankfurt weather station said it had received dozens of calls, mostly from farmers. The Geophysical Institute of Frankfurt University said it had been called by persons asking if an earthquake was expected. In Nuremberg, a rumour circulated that today would bring the outbreak of a new world war but not the end of the world.

Reports said that wives there refused to let their husbands leave them this morning. Church leaders and scientists labelled all the excitement as "nonsense."

In a Frankfurt cafe, a portly German bartender commented, "the beer is flowing as usual and as long as the beer flows the world is okay."—Associated Press.

Pacific Pay For Canadians

Ottawa, Mar. 17.—The Defence Minister, Mr. Brooke Claxton, today said members of the ill-fated Canadian Hongkong expedition would receive Pacific pay similar to other Canadian veterans who fought in that area.

Pacific pay ranged from 30 cents a day for privates to a dollar for majors and up. Pacific pay never applied to the Hongkong Canadians.

Members of the Royal Regiment of Canada, of Quebec City and the Royal Winnipeg Rifles landed in Hongkong just before Japan struck in December, 1941, and they were captured.

Since their release, the two regiments have asked for Pacific pay. After considerable discussion in the House, Mr. Claxton said they would get extra pay for the period from their leaving Canada until two months after their return.—United Press.

All-Out Offensive By Burmese Forces

Rangoon, Mar. 17.—Burmese Government forces have started an all-out offensive against the insurgents concentrated near the rice exporting port of Bassein, 70 miles northwest of Rangoon, a Government communiqué stated tonight.

Heavy casualties had been inflicted on the insurgents in this sector, the communiqué said. It added that units of the Burma Navy attacked a communications headquarters of the rebels near Maublin, midway between Rangoon and Bassein.

The communiqué reported "all quiet" on the Central and Upper Burma fronts.

Mr. J. A. Bress, Manager of the Burma Oil Company installation at Dundeedaw, a Rangoon suburb, was shot at and slightly wounded when driving his car home last night. His wife, who was in the back seat was unhurt. A bullet, which pierced his left leg, was removed today and he is making progress.

PREMIER ON MISSION

It was officially learned today that the Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, flew to Shwebo, 60 miles west of Mandalay, today. The reason for his visit is unknown.

A Government spokesman here denied that "Burmese Ministers or other persons" had accused the British Mission in Burma of abusing their position.

The spokesman was commenting on a question by Viscount Swinton in the House of Lords.

The new — Burmese Ambassador to Britain, Uol Ohn, said on his arrival in Southampton today that the Karens had Communist help in certain areas in Central Burma, particularly, they were working closely together.

Mr. Ohn denied that the Thakin Nu Government was weakening and said that "given sufficient arms and good will," the Karen revolt would be crushed.—Reuters.

Still Less Meat For Britons

Cut To 10d Worth A Week

London, Mar. 17.—Britain's slender meat ration is to be reduced from March 27 from a shilling to 10d. a week. Dr Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, announced in the House of Commons today.

Eightpence of the 10d. will be carcass meat and the remainder in canned corned meat.

Dr Summerskill, deputising for the Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey, who is ill with influenza, told Parliament: "Shipments from the Argentine have not improved and the further reduction has become inevitable." During the last four months of 1948, we received only 5,500 tons of meat from the Argentine as against 130,000 tons we had expected to get.

HIGH LEVEL PRESSURE
She said that in view of the position the British Ambassador in Buenos Aires had been instructed to "bring pressure on the Argentine Government at the highest level to speed up shipments."

When the Argentine meat contract for Britain ended in February, she said 108,000 tons, or over a quarter of the carcass meat provided for in the agreement, remained unshipped.

"If we try to maintain the present ration, even for a short period, our stocks would almost immediately fall below the minimum level, at which a nationwide distribution can be maintained and the ration honoured," she declared.

An increase in supplies in 1949 depended, she said, on the outcome of the negotiations with the Argentine for a new agreement.—Reuters.

LORRY ACCIDENT KILLS SIXTEEN

Istanbul, Mar. 17.—Sixteen persons were killed and 17 were critically injured in the crash of a lorry loaded with passengers near Tarsus, Southern Turkey, press reports said today.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Cautious Revenue Estimates

A CLOSER study of the Colony's Estimates for 1949-50 reveals how typically conservative Government has been in dealing with prospective revenue. In seven items the estimates for the coming financial year are slightly higher than the original 1948-49 estimates, but considerably lower than the revised figures. This, in itself, does not call for carping criticism, but it is a fairly easy method of prognosticating, and is a virtual guarantee that when next financial year ends total revenue will amount to not less than the original estimates. In fact, by past experience, and in consequence of present indications, revenue by this time next year can be expected to exceed, not inconsiderably, the cautious figures presented to the public this week. The memorandum on the Estimates makes great play of the phenomenal building activities of the past year which resulted in big revenue increases through Sand Monopoly receipts and water charges; and the argument is advanced that the same amount of income cannot be anticipated next year because of the likelihood of a slowing down in properly development. Justification for this conclusion is not apparent. Hongkong is still seriously short of essential buildings—domestic, commercial and industrial; and while building costs are still very high, they are not increasing; wherefore it would seem that continued attempts will be made in the future to meet demand with supply in this direction, and that building will continue apace. Unless, of course, Government is anticipating a general

economic depression, of which there are few signs at the moment. This could also explain why Government "does not consider it would be safe to count on receipts from Entertainment Tax and Betting and Sweeps Tax remaining at quite such a high level as during the present year." If present signs mean anything, revenue from these sources should not only equal the 1948-49 figures, but may quite likely surpass them. It will require a serious economic slump to dissuade the public of Hongkong from its film-going and its Happy Valley punting! And a recession of any importance must depend very largely on world conditions, which, apart from political uncertainties, remain favourable. A substantial buyers' market is still in existence, although it is conceivable that prices will shrink as supply gradually overcomes demand. The probability, however, is that world commerce will remain buoyant for some time to come, and can only be gravely jeopardised by an international conflict which, of course, would affect Hongkong the same as the rest of the universe. His Excellency the Governor suggested that Government was budgeting "conservatively but not pessimistically." By the same token the revenue forecast can hardly be described as optimistic. Our own conviction is that when next March arrives it will be found that receipts for the year considerably exceed those officially estimated this week, and that once again a tidy balance will be available for the reserve account.

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WOMANSENSE

New Fashion Focus



Lilly Dache

By PRUNELLA WOOD

LILLY DACHE is as well known a name in American fashions as one could find, but it is longer stands for tops in millinery alone. Dache has taken her talents to the dress and coat fields, too, and is even now at work on her second collection, which will be for Summer 1949. Sketched is a typical Dache gown of the first and current showing, a stiff black silk faille frock with arresting top and sleeves made of black, gossamer marquisette. The faille cuts up to curve away in flanges above the bosom, is tucked for a sculpture fit through the waistline, and falls in jutting folds as to skirt. The sheer fabric descends almost to the waistline behind. An enormous black felt cartwheel with sheer, fluffy-brush black quills laid on concentrically from crown apex to brim's edge accompanies this dramatic but perfectly ladylike and wearable costume of contemporary fashion history.

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What to Do When You Know Your Child is "Playing Sick"

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

SCIENTIFIC researches have revealed that hampering emotions can cause all sorts of physical disturbance in the digestive tract of a child or adult. You yourself may feel disturbance in your tummy if, while eating, you are worried, excited or upset. Lots of stomach ulcers are distributed by medical science to emotional causes.

When we consider all the hampering emotions that thousands of young children have in connection with food and eating, we can understand why so many of them complain of a tummy ache at mealtime or after eating, and why some children are forced to eat, thanks to the emotional strain involved, may actually vomit; why some of these children may feel ill on a school morning, especially when some unhappy experiences are connected with schoolmates and the schoolroom. Lots of problems on school mornings have been developing in the child in connection with his meals or his playmates or both for years before he entered school.

Careful Check

Of course, it is always wise to have a careful check by a physician, as the mother had for the child described in the following letter which a grandmother writes of her granddaughter six years old:

"For about a month she has been complaining of her stomach hurting, and quite often says her head hurts her. My daughter has taken her to one of the best pediatricians in town (he has been caring for her since birth) but the physician finds no physical cause.

"These little 'spells' seem to come on just about dinner time or when she isn't hungry. My daughter has taken a better view of it than I have, but I

TIPS ON DECORATING THE HOME

THE trouble with most women who set out to redecorate the home is that they try too hard, says an expert.

Dan Cooper, well-known American designer of home furnishings, explains that, bedazzled by pictures, confused by conflicting advice, the average woman starts out to select new furnishings in a happy daze.

She is torn between admiration for Louis XIV and Swedish Modern, French Provincial and American Colonial—and usually winds up in a heap somewhere in between.

Or, says Cooper, the lady may decide to reproduce a room pictured in her favourite publication, down to the last tie-back, without stopping to consider how it fits the needs of her own family.

The designer, who recently went on a lecture tour during which he was besieged with questions from confused amateur decorators, feels strongly on the subject. He has aired some of his views in a book, "Inside Your Home."

Mind Cluttered

HE is responsible for such divergent productions as the "House of Ideas" shown in Rockefeller Centre in 1938 and demountable furniture used by the US Army Air Corps during the war. He has acted as colour consultant for a federal housing project, designed the library and museum at Dumbarton Oaks, and decorated homes in both North and South America.

He says: "People don't buy a house or furniture often enough to know how to go about it. They get so much advice and they're dizzy."

To rid your mind of clutter when planning a home, Cooper advises that you start by answering these questions:

- Why do you need a house? A. What purposes do you want it to fulfil?
- Do you want it as a background for big parties, little parties, or no parties?
- What pursuits do you expect to enjoy most in your

home? Reading? Music? Games? Cooking? Or just relaxing?

F. Is your home in a hot or cold climate?

When you have answered these things, says the designer, you are ready to start planning. If you expect to give lots of big parties, you will want a living room that encourages sociability, with furniture arranged to accommodate groups of people; plenty of coffee tables, serving tables and such. Your dining room will be important.

Use Common Sense

If you're the hermit type, who enjoys reading and music, your plan will be entirely different. The most comfortable chair and light will be beside the book shelves. Windows and artificial lighting will be arranged to give the best light for the piano. The dining room may be non-existent, with meals served informally in the living room alcove, and the extra space used for a library or music room.

If you like to play cards, that hobby should be taken care of in your planning, with a game room or a corner of the living room and chairs or built-in fixtures.

Cooper adds that the home should hold nothing that is not used. He doesn't believe in fads or doodads, and advises people to free their minds of all the current decorators' patter and trust their own common sense in planning their own homes.

Says he: "After all, you're the one who has to live in it, so it ought to suit you—not the man next door."

Be Careful Of Hand Infections

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

INFECTIONS in any part of the body of course require prompt attention. Delays may be dangerous. Special care, however, must be given to those occurring in the hands, since, unless they are properly cared for, they may result in permanent disability which naturally interferes with a person's ability to earn a livelihood.

Dr. Loudon, and his co-workers, of England, believe that surgical treatment on the hand should be given early in order to keep the infection from spreading and to permit prompt healing.

The surgical treatment consists of opening the infected area and allowing the infected material to drain out, getting rid of all dead tissues, sewing up the wound, and giving treatment with penicillin. Furthermore, the involved part must be kept immobile until complete healing takes place.

This type of treatment shortens the healing time to about eight days in cases where there was no loss of skin tissues, and to about 20 days in cases where skin tissues were destroyed. This is a much shorter healing period than is usually expected in conditions of this type.

Penicillin Injection

Before operation on a number of patients studied, the involved part was made immobile with plaster cast or splint, and the patient was given a large amount of vitamins A, C and D, together with plenty of fluids. Every three hours the patient was given an injection of penicillin into a muscle. The operation was done as soon as the patient's general condition was satisfactory, and the infection was limited to one area. After the infection was opened and the dead tissues removed, penicillin powder was dusted lightly into the area.

Following the operation, a cast was put on to keep the part immobile until complete healing occurred. Active exercise of the parts not in the cast was encouraged. It was also important to keep the arm raised during the healing time.

For five days after the operation, penicillin was given twice a day. The stitches were left in place for at least seven days. As soon as the wound was healed, the patient was encouraged to move the fingers.

With proper care of these hand infections, permanent disability may be prevented.

Youthful-Looking Chin Line



After creaming neck and face, Screen Star Martha Hyer recommends this exercise: Relax, drop head forward, revolve right, left, forward, back.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If you are inclined to take on weight—or even if you aren't—keep a weather eye on your chin. You may have a nice, neat one now, an interesting part of a pleasing profile, but you can't tell! Give it proper attention when creaming your sacred complexion and it will never go tandem.

Flake the palm of each hand on the centre of the jaw bone. Knead the flesh, pushing it upward, exactly as you would knead bread. The finger tips should be close to the ears. Follow along with strokes from chin tip to ear lobes. Throw the head back, sweep the fingertips from collar bones upward. If there are cross lines below the chin you can be pretty sure that something is going on there. It is a warning. In that case follow the massage treatment with a laving with witch hazel, patting it into the flesh.

If you have a chin strap, use it to hold a cold compress and let it remain on overnight.

There are exercises that are helpful in keeping chin and throat in normal condition. Sit in a straight back chair, body erect, chest lifted, face forward. Turn the chin parallel with the right shoulder and stretch upward. Drop the chin low, turn to the left shoulder and repeat. This movement builds up the muscles, tones tissues.

Every time you do beauty-work on your face, remember that you have a neck. Washing with soap and water, applying a little powder is generally the only attention the neck receives. So it is not at all uncommon to see a neck with skin that is greyish or yellow. The skin there needs lubrication and the stimulation of massage the same as the cutaneous covering of the face.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Famous Florida Restaurant

"WHAT a gorgeous garden!" I exclaimed, as we stopped at the gate. "See those riots of hibiscus and bougainvillea, coral, red, purple, white, yellow. And that glorious flame vine on the trees and roof of the house!"

"And see those bathing beauties in swimming suits at the lake!" exclaimed the Chef. "They look like the covers on the magazines." His voice was all aglow. "Here we find sunshine, flowers and the beautiful girls. It is the garden of Eden." "You mean Cypress Gardens," said a soft voice from behind a hedge. "It was our good friend, Dick Pope, the impresario of this fabulous domain. 'Come in, you're just in time for lunch.'"

Lunch was served in a spacious restaurant with a wide view of the lake fringed by towering cypress trees. Red hibiscus flowers in their gleaming green leaves lay in the centre of each table.

Simple Menu

The menu was simple, the kind of food any homemaker might like to serve at a party luncheon, or supper, or for a club or church affair. There were four combinations, all moderately priced:

"Southern fried chicken or fried jumbo shrimp with French fried potatoes, garden peas and Cypress greens salad."

"Chicken salad plate containing chicken salad in a lettuce nest, a slice of frozen fruit salad, cottage cheese, tomato wedges and olives."

"Ham plate with home-baked ham, potato salad, cottage cheese and pickles."

And last, "Cypress Gardens Special," which turned out to be a mammoth peach shortcake with gobs of whipped cream and served with a beverage. "A special favourite with the kids and teenagers," explained the lady manager in charge.

"The desserts were pecan pie and ice cream, and there was milk and hot or iced tea or coffee."

The Chef ordered the ham plate. "This ham has a very fine flavour," he remarked. "We taste it while basting with juice drained from tinned fruit cocktail," explained the manager.

"And I must compliment you on these hot yeast rolls. How do you manage to have them always freshly baked for the new guests?"

"We use a prepared yeast-roll mix and keep the rolls ready shaped and raised in the refrigerator. We bake every 15 minutes," she said.

A Good Idea

"A good idea we must pass on to our readers if they are having a church supper," commented the Chef.

"This frozen fruit salad looks and tastes different. Yet it is strangely familiar," I remarked. The manager smiled.

"The recipe was given to us; but we were told it came originally from one of your cook books."

The Chef was intrigued. "May I taste please?"

"Oh, that's a very old recipe of mine, Chef."

"On the contrary, Madame, it's very up-to-date. I think our readers would like to serve it at a party."

At that point Dick Pope came sauntering in. "After luncheon we'll watch the water skiing, then take a tour through the Jungle Gardens," he announced.

Today's menu includes several of the dishes we enjoyed, and yes, here's the frozen fruit salad.

Frozen Fruit Salad

Add 1 tsp. unflavoured gelatin to 1 tbsp. orange juice. Let stand 5 min. Then melt over steam. Beat in 1 c. mayonnaise. Whip 1 c. heavy cream until stiff. Fold in the mayonnaise. Then stir in 2 c. mixed fresh or tinned fruits, such as tinned pineapple, quarter sections of orange (membranes removed), sliced peaches, sliced tinned cherries, etc. Line a freezing tray smoothly with waxed paper but allow it to stand up around the edge. Fill with the fruit salad mixture. Cover with waxed paper; slide into freezer unit and freeze until firm enough to cut 2 in. squares, about 4 hours. Serve garnished with crisp lettuce. No dressing is needed.

Dinner

Tomato Soup with Sour Cream

Fried Shrimp

Spiced Butter Sauce

French Fried Potatoes

Hot Clover Leaf Rolls

Celery

Carrot Slices

High Peach Shortcake

Coffee or Tea

Milk (Children)

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Recipes Serve Four

High Peach Shortcake

This is a sweet shortcake. A good dessert for a teenage party, a dessert bridge, or when the main course of dinner is light. It consists of two parts. Short cup cakes, and peach and cream garnish. The cup cakes may be warm or cold.

Cup Cakes: Stir 1/2 c. butter, margarine or vegetable shortening until creamy. Add 1 c. sugar, 2 beaten eggs and the grated rind 1/4 orange; continue to cream and beat until very fluffy. Sift together 1 1/2 c. flour, 1/2 tsp. salt and 3 tsp. baking powder. Add alternately with 1/2 c. milk to the first mixture. Transfer to deep oiled muffin tins, filling them two-thirds; bake 30 min. at 375 F.

Peach and Cream Garnish: Cut each cup cake in halves cross-wise, and place the lower half on a dessert plate. Top with fine-chopped defrosted or well-drained tinned peaches. Put on the second half of the cup cake and press together. Pour 1 tsp. peach juice over each. Around the edge arrange in slices of the defrosted or tinned peaches. Top with a big "glob" of as much stiff whipped cream or banana whip as the top will take, and finish off with half a maraschino cherry.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



VISITOR FROM THE ARGENTINE—Outside St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, a visiting Argentine sailor kisses the ring of Francis Cardinal Spellman after attending religious services. His ship, on a 13-day goodwill visit, is the first Argentine warship to visit the port since the war.



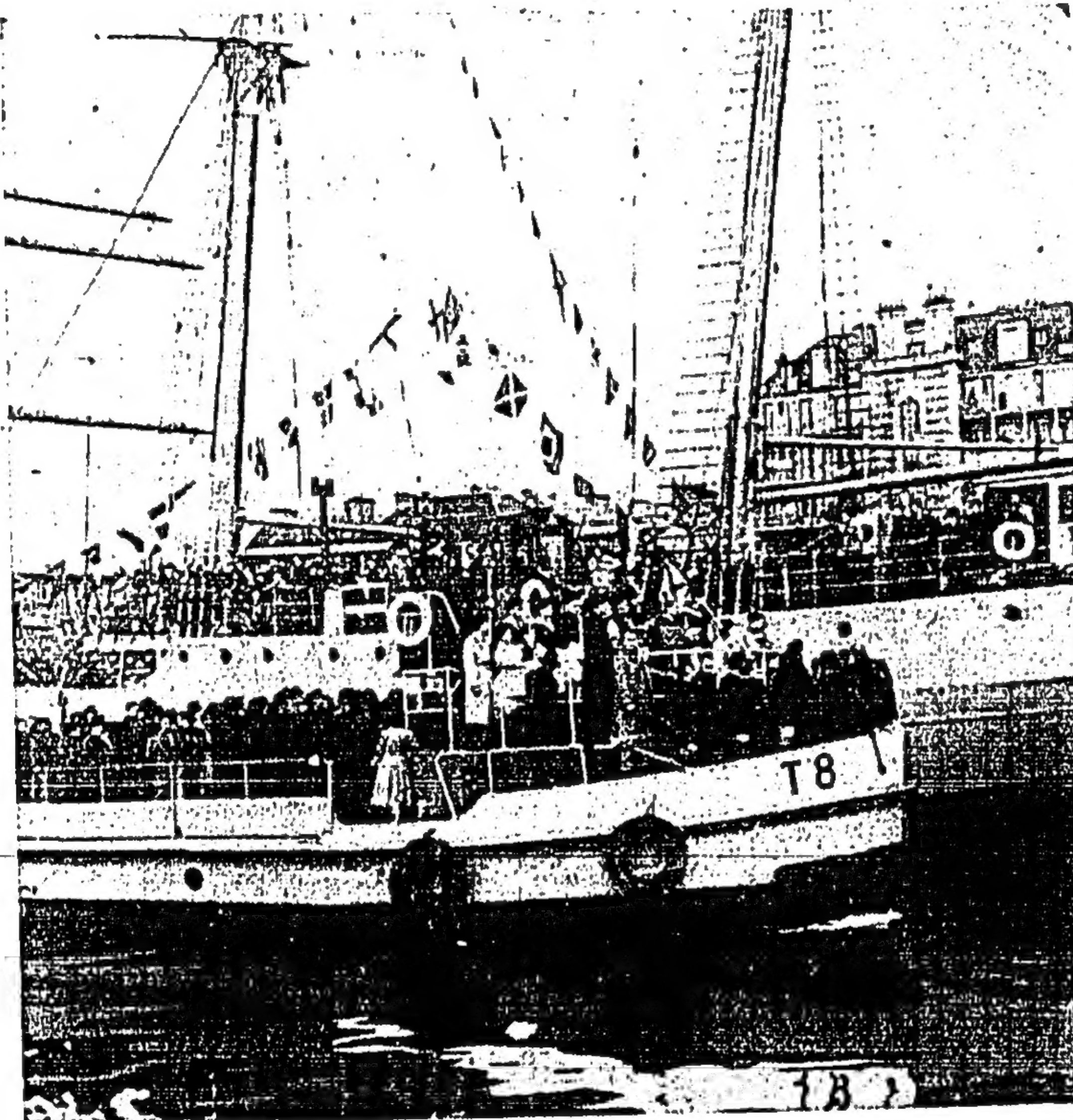
VICTIMS OF FAMINE—Starving natives line up for rations of rice and beans at a rehabilitation camp operated by Dutch Government agencies near Jakarta, former capital of the Indonesian Republic.



STYLE NOTE—Actress Patricia Morison and prize-winning champion boxer, Baron, talk things over in New York. The two form quite a fashion note in their matching ensembles.



LATEST IN ROWING—This odd-looking craft which Mari Jine Wissman is propelling in a Beverly Hills, California, pool has been named a "Gazook" by Howard C. Karst, its inventor. Constructed of inner tubes and canvas, it will carry four passengers.



REVIVING AN OLD CUSTOM—At Saint Malo, France, Cardinal Roques, centre foreground, blesses trawlers which are sailing for several months' fishing in Newfoundland waters. It is the first fleet blessed at the channel port since before the war.



FOR THE BEACH—Jeanne Biggers models this new swim suit in Miami, Florida. The blue print on a white background has a Dutch motif which is emphasised in the brief shirred shorts and halter-bra.



FOR YOUR HOME—Two apprentices of a pottery maker in Vallauris, France, help to carry on that city's ancient tradition. Vallauris was once the centre of the French industry, which turns out artistic ceramics that have come to be regarded as of great value by collectors.



WHOOPS!—This steer was trapped in the wreckage of a New Haven goods train crash at Danbury, Connecticut. Struck by an engine from the local railway yards, two wagons of the train were demolished. The crew escaped injury, but three steers were less fortunate.



RUB-A-DUB-DUB . . . —These flamingoes at the London Zoo are neither one-legged nor are they rehearsing for the Ballet Russe. They are simply performing their early morning ablutions in the shallow zoo pool. 'Wouldn't want to get that tattle-tale grey look, you know!

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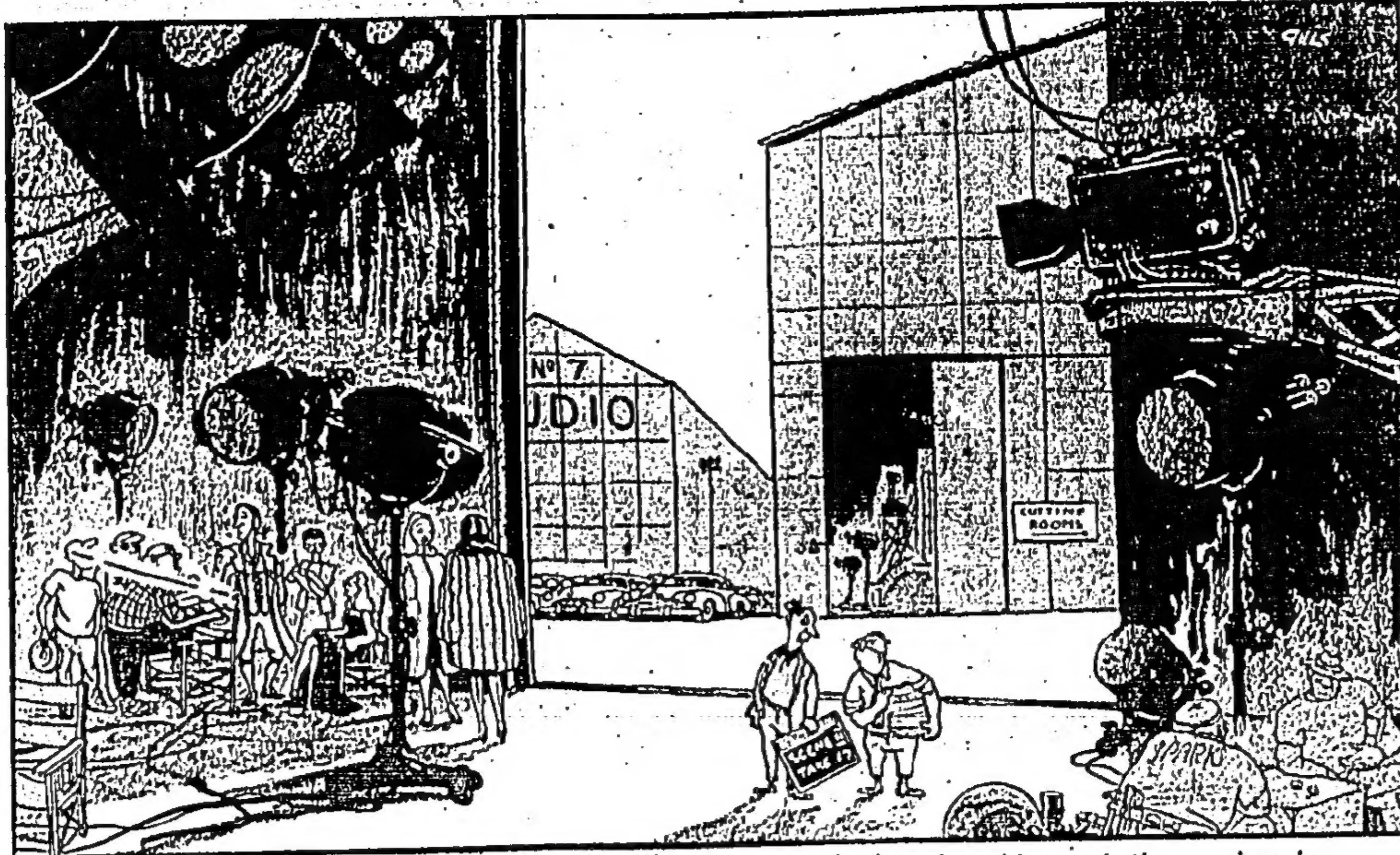
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FREDA UTLEY'S LIFE STORY.....FIFTH INSTALMENT

LOST ILLUSION

IN July 1928, Stalin was still insisting that individual cultivation of the land must be supported, and collectivisation would be a mistake. But by October Stalin had reversed himself and Bukharin, Rykov, and Tomsky were being condemned as bourgeois liberals desiring the restoration of capitalism. Stalin was preparing to sponsor super-industrialisation, collectivisation, liquidation of the Kulaks, and savage coercion of the peasantry.

The Kulaks were holding the government to ransom; less and less food was procurable in the towns, and the workers began to suffer. Grain stocks were seized from the Kulaks and the middle-class peasants. Those they employed found themselves without work, since the Kulaks saw no point in cultivating large farms if the produce was to be confiscated.

By December 1928, bread cards were introduced, unemployment increased, and real wages fell. Forced-buying from the peasants at an unremunerative price and heavier taxes on the Kulaks did not solve the problem.

Hid Their Grain

THE peasants hid their grain or refused to sow it, and murdered the Party functionaries who seized their crops. Coercion and intimidation were impracticable unless the peasants were herded together like the workers in the factories. Collective farming was therefore ordered by decree—collectivisation with equipment suitable only for small-scale farming, with the object of getting all the peasants together under the control of the secret police so that they could be forced to labour.

In November 1929, Stalin ordered the liquidation of the Kulaks as a class, and the establishment of collective farms everywhere and for everyone. He had decided to solve the agricultural problem "in a socialist sense" by violence and terror.

Also, Stalin simultaneously inaugurated the Five Year Plan for industrial development. The peasants were expected to work practically for nothing, since the government could not supply them with clothing and other manufactures of prime necessity.

Then began the wholesale murder of the Kulaks by the Soviet state, unparalleled in history for its cruelty. I use the word deliberately. Whole families—men, women, children

and babies—were thrown out of their homes, their personal possessions seized and even their warm clothing torn off of them. Then, packed into unheated cattle cars in winter, they were sent off to Siberia or other waste parts of the Soviet Union.

Women and children perished. Hundreds of thousands of peasants were herded off to the timber prison camps in the Arctic regions, to die like flies from hunger, cold and exhaustion, whipped by the OGPU guards and treated like the slaves of Pharaoh or of an Asiatic tyrant.

Arrest Of Kulaks

WHEN the father of a Kulak family was arrested, all food in the house was confiscated, down to the last sack of flour. The wife and children were left to starve to death. Mothers sometimes killed their babies to save them from lingering death by famine.

Many motives—fanatical faith, fear, sadism, revenge—played their role in this horrible massacre of the innocents by famine and the firing squad. Jews who remembered old pogroms, workers who had suffered under the Cossack whips in Tsarist times, gave vent to dusty and dim hatreds sanctified under the banner of the class war.

Earnest young men and women, perverted by orders given them by the Communist Party, convinced themselves that in depriving the peasants of their last stores of food they were helping to build a socialist society. OGPU and Red army officers feared that if they were not absolutely merciless, they would be stabbed in the back on dark nights by desperate peasants.

Class Warfare

IN the New Economic Policy period, the state, encouraging the Kulaks with one set of decrees to "get rich" by producing more, was discouraging them by treating every prosperous peasant as a social capitalist and inciting the poorer peasants against them.

In order to stimulate class warfare, the peasants were registered in three classes—Kulaki, Serebniaki (middle-class peasants), and Bedniaki (poor peasants). In villages where there was a dead level of poverty, the local Communists were, nevertheless, ordered to find Kulaks even where none existed.

The Soviet Government insisted that each village must produce at least one Kulak family to be hated and oppressed.

These Kulaks had no electoral rights, paid four percent of their miserable income to the

state, and their children were not allowed to go to school. Thus Stalin used the technique of artificially focussing hatred on the innocent.

The Russian peasant sank further into slothfulness and hopelessness. Since to raise himself above the level of his beasts of burden was now accounted a crime against the state, he worked as little as possible, and could without thought of the morrow, which was almost certain to be worse than today.

The Soviet Government passed laws penalising all who worked hard and took thought for the morrow. Precisely those peasants with the knowledge, skill, and industry to raise Russian agriculture above its medieval level were liquidated.

City workers sent to coerce the peasants and manage the collectives took far more wages than the Kulaks had ever taken as profit. It was not only the Kulaks who were expropriated, exiled or imprisoned. Except for the minority of landless peasants, all regarded collectivisation as expropriation.

War On Peasants

ORDERED by the state to pool all their property and to give everything up to the Kolkhoz (collective farm), and faced with exile to Siberia or with slave labour in the concentration camps if they refused, the peasants killed their pigs, sheep, cows and chickens, and ate them or sold the hides and meat for money, which could be hidden. By 1934, the number of horses in Russia was half what it had been in 1929, and the sheep and pigs less than half.

Stalin caused the death of between five and ten million peasants by starvation.

Russian morale has never recovered from those terrible years. The Communist Party and the Comsomols became the expropriators of the people—an army of occupation in their own country.

The war on the Russian peasants was more brutalising than war against another nation, for the peasants were unarmed and defenceless. The present generation of Communists was brutalised in youth by the programme conducted against the peasants.

Meanwhile the factory workers found themselves suffering almost as great a degree of civil war. Not only did Stalin's violent agrarian policy drastically reduce food produced in Russia, his industrialisation plans caused food and manufactures to be exported from Russia to pay for

machinery imports. Butter and eggs disappeared, being dumped abroad. Meat, and even herring, became a rare luxury.

Foreign visitors, carefully shepherded by Intourist, and given huge meals in the hotels of the starving land, went home to deny the rumours of famine. Stalin's utter ruthlessness won the day. The resistance of the peasants was broken. Since 1932 they have known that they will starve unless they produce the quota taken by the government and, in addition, enough to feed themselves. They have been forced to work on the government's terms. They have become serfs again.

Bitter Experience

BY 1935, forces were pulling Russia back to individual farming and private property. The peasants were given permission to sell any produce they could spare from their own subsistence after the government had collected its very large quotas, and cultivate a small allotment of ground to grow vegetables, fruit and a little grain. The peasant was also allowed to own a pig, a cow or a goat. On this allotment he can work after hours for his own benefit.

Bitter experience has taught him he cannot raise his standard of life, since a jealous government will in one way or another deprive him of all profit of his labours.

In the following years the peasants naturally spent all the time they dared on cultivating the little personal plots of land. This budding of private enterprise was blighted by the government by a series of decrees in 1939.

These decrees declared that the peasant's private allotment had been converted into the main source of income of the collective farmer. Consequently work on the collective farms had been neglected.

Bread Tax

HENCEFORTH the maximum size of individually owned plots of land was strictly limited, and a minimum number of days set during which the peasant must work on the collective farms. Recalcitrant peasants were threatened with expropriation and exile.

The net result of Stalin's socialism is the reduction of the standard of living of the Russian people, while increasing taxation to support the Communist bureaucracy, the secret police and the Red Army. The income from the bread tax has been the largest item in the revenue of the Soviet Government. The peasants, like the city workers, eat less and are worse clothed than they were under the Tsar.

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(Bring the prices down closer so that I can look at them without hurting my eyes and my pocket)

THIS SLOGAN HAS SAVED A SLUMP

By VINCENT EVANS

Yankton, South Dakota. A YEAR ago I jumped into a little plane at Brussels Airport with a package under my arm. It contained a precious bottle of perfume. The tall-coated man who sold it to me on the Boulevard d'Anvers produced it on a black-velveted platter, bowing and praising my taste.

At London Airport, the Customs officer handled the cut-glass bottle with affectionate care. It was rare, beautiful, and exotic.

The other day, when I walked into a drugstore in this little Mid-West South Dakotan cowboy town, where Sioux Indians come down from the reservations to do their shopping, there on the counter was a similar bottle of perfume—gum on one side of it, and a pressure cooker on the other.

And there it will stay with its fantastic price tag. There, too, will stay the three-guinea English pipe and the 5½-guinea English brittle hairbrush. Life has passed them by....

Touch and go

IN a fortnight of near panic, an era came to an end in the United States. Prices of all vital goods went scampering down—beef, wheat, cotton, pork, clothing, shoes, and the rest. Unemployment hit a new postwar high. The jitter boys jumped in.

For a few days it was touch and go. A careless push could, as in the 1930s, bring the reckless hands were caught in the act and held. The "great American slump" merchants have been disappointed.

What has happened? The American citizen has realised again that he is a free man. If he does not want to pay the blackmail prices the shopkeeper risks, he just darned well won't. So for a couple of weeks he has sat back and said: "I can look at them without hurting my eyes and my pocket."

The shopkeeper did not take him seriously. First he held New Year sales. They failed. He turned them into Valentine sales. Trade perked. And now he is cutting his losses, and sale prices have become normal prices.

It has been free enterprise working like a dandy piece of clockwork for the first time since the war.

The wounds

THE result is that there are economic wounds being licked tonight. Take farmer Seth Kissinger, out in snowed-out Nebraska. He bought 400 cattle a year ago. Today the price has dropped and Seth has lost £3,000.

But his comment is this: "For eight years I have had the best

years ever. Now I can afford to take good years with bad." And that is the point. There is scarcely a farmer in the whole vast Mid-West who is now in debt as a result of his farming. For, in the past, every slump has been preceded by a drop in farm prices.

Of every seven dollars of the national income one dollar goes to the farmer. When he slumped everyone slumped. And it looked as though he was slumping to rock bottom this time.

Now that the American farmer is out of debt he is gambling with his own money—and it makes a difference.

Knocking Loudly

BUT keep a wary eye on Mr. American Farmer, and the other on the American industrialists.

Down in Washington I saw them knocking pretty loudly on Paul Hoffman's door. Hoffman is director of Marshall aid, and just lately he has been letting some of these farmers in to see him. I have talked with a couple of thousands of them in Des Moines in Iowa—and they talk fast and persuasive.

First it was the boys from the Cotton Belt who buttonholed Hoffman in a quiet corner. They had more cotton than they could handle. So they wanted to dump it in Europe under Marshall aid.

Next came the sugar boys. Then they came down from the wheatlands. Then the coal-miners went in. They have all got surplus and they want them officially declared surplus. Then they declared surplus can no longer be purchased from any other country with American dollars. And what does that mean?

It means that Britain cannot buy wheat from Canada without American permission. And each time any commodity is declared surplus by the United States it means that Britain is no longer free to decide where she can buy it. She must buy from America or ask permission to shop elsewhere.

Now take this surplus argument back to the shops. The American housewife called the traders' bluff and refused to pay the prices demanded. The producers cried "Disaster."

But there has been no disaster. American Europe seems to be the obvious dumping ground.

Forecast

THESE dropping prices do not herald an imminent American — or world — depression.

For these reasons: bank advances to well within the safety margin; a spending programme of £15,000 million, and that means more than reasonable employment; for the time being Marshall aid is bolstering industries which might be in trouble.

And when "Honest Harry" Truman says "no slump," many people feel it must be so. That is half of any economic battle.

TODAY'S AMERICA

By NEWELL ROGERS

NEW YORK

HOLLYWOOD resents a charge that its highly paid picture producers say "ain't."

The accusation is made in a new Broadway play which vigorously satirises the film chiefs. It says the picture makers are at the "ain't" level of intelligence.

So Hollywood digs into statistics. True, 40 have no formal education. Two were secondary schoolboys. One went to an art school. But the remaining 75 boast university degrees.

One Hollywood executive, Harry Cohn—his biography in "Who's Who," says he went only to elementary school—has just been rehired by his shareholders at a salary of £875 a week, plus a £75-a-week expense account.

Another producer sends his shops to England—to be half-

soled because they were made there.

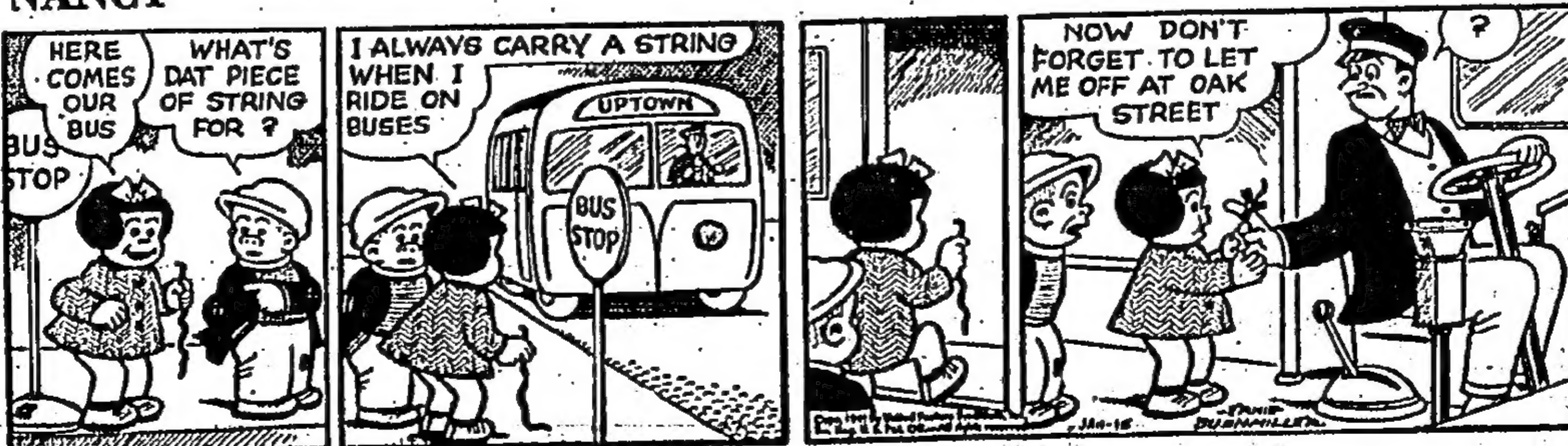
And tonight Hollywood's cultured chiefs received a complaint that they are too cultured. A meeting of cinema proprietors called to discover why people stay away from the pictures told the producers: "You're making pictures for Broadway reviewers and sophisticated, not for small-town people, the folks who go to the neighbourhood local."

AMID THE GREAT WHEAT surplus, Americans are eating less and less bread. Twenty flour mills have closed. But children are on a sweet spree. They can now buy three-penny chocolate bars for sixpence—and as many as they want.

IN THE LOBBIES of Congress a fierce but whispered debate rages: Does the fact that Senators get haircuts free in the Capitol barber's shop entitle Senator Margaret Chase Smith to free beauty services?

NANCY

Forget-Me-Knot



By Ernie Bushmiller



SOLE AGENTS: NAN KANG CO., UNION BUILDING

Tito's "Meetings With Youth Gets Gaol, Cane For Robbery"

Pleading guilty to a charge of robbery before Mr Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Ho Hung, 18, was sentenced to five years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane.

Mr J. Wickes (Crown Counsel), who prosecuted, said that Ho had a previous conviction in 1947 for impersonating a Police officer and assault, when he was sentenced to a year's imprisonment and recommended for banishment.

The accused, who is now serving a sentence of a year imposed on him at Kowloon Court on March 4 for breach of a deportation order.

The crime for which the accused had been indicted occurred at No. 24 Boundary Street, first floor, Kowloon, on January 7.

The flat was being redecorated at the time and the accused and some other men called there and gained entry when one of them announced that they were while-washers.

On the door being opened, the robbers produced revolvers and all the inmates were tied up with wire, the males being gagged as well.

When the robbers left the two gold wrist-watches, a pair of gold cuff-links, a child's gold finger ring, a gold bracelet, two gold rings, a gold ring set with diamonds, a pair of gold earrings, two American silver dollars, a fountain pen and pencil set and \$420.

After the robbers had left, a revolver was found abandoned on the premises.

Passing sentence, his Lordship said that he took into consideration the accused's youth and would therefore not inflict a penalty he would incur on a person of more mature years.

He ordered that the sentence be served concurrently with the accused's present term.

COMMITTEE APPROVES RADAR RING

Washington, Mar. 17.—The Senate Armed Service Committee today unanimously approved the House-passed bill to build a radar fence around the North American continent.

The bill would authorise the United States to spend US\$85,000,000 to start building a network of radar warning stations in co-operation with Canada.

The Committee withheld action on a bill to construct a 3,000-mile range to test guided missiles. The range would cost \$200,000,000.

Earlier, the Committee heard a high-ranking Air Force general report that the nation's defenceless against air attack without the proposed radar network.

"Failure to provide such a system could result in disaster on a nationwide scale and surely would result in unnecessary death and destruction," he said. "Our fighter aircraft could not be directed to intercept and oppose hostile bombers. Our anti-aircraft artillery would not be alerted to fire on enemy planes as they approached." — United Press.

Britain And Spain

London, Mar. 17.—Britain's attitude towards Spain remained as stated in the House of Commons on February 2, 1949, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He was replying to questions about a press report that the Western powers might possibly decide to send back their Ambassadors to Spain, thereby revoking one part of the 1946 United Nations resolution on General Franco's Government. Mr Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, speaking in the House of Commons on February 2 on the question of the return of Ambassadors to Madrid, said: "I am not prepared to commit the Government to opposing a move to annul this part of the United Nations resolution if it comes up again."

Mr Mayhew also said that the British Government were not prepared to support an application for Spain's admission to the United Nations.—Reuter.

Banished Gaol

Sentenced of three years' hard labour was passed by Mr Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning on Chan Kwok, who pleaded guilty to a breach of a deportation order made on September 20, 1948, when he was banished from the Colony for life.

TRIESTE NEWSPAPER'S "EYEWITNESS" STORY

Trieste, Mar. 17.—The independent and usually reliable "Giornale di Trieste" today reported that Marshal Tito has met representatives of the Western powers three times since last September.

The Giornale said it had its information from eyewitnesses.

The meetings, it said, took place on the island of Brioni, near Pola, just off the tip of the Istrian Peninsula.

The first meeting, the newspaper reported, was in September, the second was on January 25 and the third last Saturday.

News of the third meeting, the paper said, spread quickly throughout Istria and raised hopes among the Italian population that—although no Italians participated—the Italian problem in Istria may have been discussed.

Marshal Tito is said to have met the same representatives on all three occasions.

Tito, the Giornale continued, arrived by special train on Saturday morning at Pola—former Italian city given to Yugoslavia by the treaty. From Pola he travelled by car to Diignano, where he was taken in a motorboat to Brioni.

He remained on the island until Sunday morning conferring with the Western Powers' representatives. He then returned to his special train, held for him about eight miles north of Pola.

FURTHER REPORT

The Conservative Trieste newspaper "Ultimissimo," yesterday also reported that Tito was at Brioni.

The Italian news agency, Astra, reported that Moscow Radio's Serb-Croatian transmission announced that "the war against Tito's clique has begun in villages and cities and will not end until the complete elimination of the traitors."

The Moscow speaker, according to Astra, said: "We are not fighting against the Yugoslav people. We wish in fact, to help them to liberate themselves from a tyranny which is bringing their country to ruin."

Astra also reported that, according to the Istrian Italian Committee of National Liberation, it was not Marshal Tito, but the Yugoslav Interior Minister, Mr Rankovic, who met Western representatives at Brioni.

This meeting, however, the Committee said, served simply as a cover for the Marshal's representatives on an island off Split to which he flew directly from Belgrade.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"She's not too good looking and her folks haven't got a lot of money—I guess she just has to get the best grades!"

\$17,000,000 Paid Out In Wing On Fire Insurance

DISCLOSURE AT HK FIRE INSURANCE CO. MEETING

It was disclosed at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Limited, held in the board room of Jardine, Matheson's this morning, that the insured loss on the Wing On Company Godown fire amounted to approximately \$17,000,000, but the Fire Insurance Company's share was not unduly large.

The Hon. D. F. Landale (Chairman) presided and was supported by the following members of the Consulting Committee: the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, the Hon. P. S. Cassidy, Messrs F. C. Barry, H. D. Benham, W. A. Stewart and K. A. Mason (Secretary).

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:

For many years now our Annual Report has been presented in a form which has shown separate Underwriting Accounts for the two preceding years. Apart from the fact that this system is not in keeping with modern practice, we find it most inconvenient when filling Statutory Annual Returns with the Government Authorities in various parts of the world where the Company operates.

These Authorities require that our Accounts be completed so as to show all the year's transactions in one account. This method is now almost universally adopted by insurance Companies—and your General Managers and Consulting Committee decided to employ same as from January 1, 1948.

The Accounts before you have been prepared on the new basis and as it is the first occasion on which they have been so presented, it is not possible for shareholders to make any comparison. However, I would mention that had the Accounts been drawn up in the old manner, the balance of Working Account 1947 would have disclosed a figure representing an all-time record.

ACCOUNTS EXPLAINED. I feel a word of explanation is necessary regarding the reconstruction of our Accounts as at December 31, 1948 to provide for—

Firstly: An Underwriting Account on an annual basis.

Secondly: The establishment of an Insurance Fund to care for unexpired risks which incorporates a sum of \$1,000,000 as an additional reserve.

Thirdly: The re-arrangement of existing free reserves in a more realistic form.

We have been in close consultation with our Auditors in this matter and following the recommendations have been made—changes have been made.

The "Hongkong Currency Reserve" previously at \$800,000 has been re-named "Reserve For Contingencies" and subject to appropriations being approved, it will be increased to \$1,200,000.

The "Sterling Reserve" at £125,000 or \$2,000,000 has been re-named "General Reserve" and left at the same figure.

The "Reinsurance Fund" has, as such, disappeared and been replaced by the new Underwriting "Insurance Fund" which is based on Premium Income plus an Additional Reserve to which I have already referred.

The "Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account" has been left intact in its present form.

The Working Account Balance 1947 has been carried into the new Profit & Loss Account and adjusted as required.

I am sure shareholders will find that the new method of presenting the Accounts is a great improvement on the old and gives a clearer picture of the Company's working. You will observe that we have used the

usual grant of a bonus to members of the Staff of 15% on their basic salaries. They have all worked extremely hard and well during the past year.

The Colony experienced two bad fires last year, one on September 22 and the other in the Wing On Godowns on September 22; the latter was quite the worst outbreak Hongkong has ever known, and the disaster was unfortunately attended by heavy loss of life. The insured loss amounted to approximately \$17,000,000 but your Company's share was not unduly large.

KEEN COMPETITION I have little comment to make about the future except to say that we are constantly on the lookout for new avenues of expansion which offer hope of a reasonable profit. Insurance, like every other branch of commerce, has its ups and downs and competition is very keen.

At the moment, owing to enhanced values, premium income continues to rise but there is the reason to suppose that this state of affairs will persist, as we know from past experience.

The unsettled conditions now prevalent in many parts of China make business most difficult and we sincerely trust that some early solution may be found that will help the country to more peaceful and prosperous days.

I now propose the following Resolution:—That the Report and Accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$11.00 per share, free of tax, the transfer of

\$400,000 to Reserve for Contingencies, the carry forward of \$363,236 and the payment to the Staff of a bonus of 15% upon their basic salaries be adopted and passed.

SECONDER'S SPEECH Seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, Mr J. H. Seth said: In rising to express my satisfaction with the Accounts presented to this meeting, I feel sure I am voicing the sentiments of all shareholders present. It is gratifying to shareholders that the General Managers and Consulting Committee feel justified in recommending an increase in the dividend, bringing it up to the dividend amount as was paid for the year preceding the war.

My connection with this Company goes back a number of years and I have watched the gradual growth of our reserves until these, together with investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account and the balance carried forward, amounted to nearly \$9,000,000 at December 31, 1948. This result could only have been achieved by unremitting attention to our interests and prudence in the conduct of our affairs.

RE-ELECTIONS

On the proposal of Mr S. Hampden Ross, seconded by Mr A. Ritchie, the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, the Hon. P. S. Cassidy and Messrs F. C. Barry, H. D. Benham, C. Bernard Brown, W. A. Stewart and S. T. Williamson were re-elected to the Consulting Committee.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Mathews and Percy Smith & Company were reappointed auditors on the proposal of Mr M. W. P. Lo, seconded by Mr Douglas Hung.

Shareholders present at the meeting were Messrs J. H. Seth, D. Hung, S. Hampden Ross, A. Ritchie, B. W. Bradbury, M. W. Lo, Wing Chuen Jones, G. E. Marden (representing Yangtze Finance), I. F. Aucott (representing Jardine, Matheson) and C. D. Slade (representing Hongkong Bank Trustees).

Jews Building Fortifications Amman, Mar. 17.—Reports from Amman said today that Jewish engineers had started building strong fortifications in recently-occupied Elath, the coastal strip on the gulf of Aqaba. They indicated the Jews might be planning to develop a large port within a few miles of British-garrisoned Aqaba.

Meanwhile, the Transjordan government prepared for talks with the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, starting on Monday at Beirut in the Lebanon. It was understood Transjordan would insist that the Jerusalem and Arab refugee problems be given priority.—United Press.

Italian Parliament In Uproar

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The signatory countries undertook to consult among themselves as soon as they considered the international situation became dangerous.

An armed attack on one member nation would be considered an aggression against the signatory powers. In the event of such an attack, M. Spak had explained, the signatories undertook to give immediate assistance to the victim.

The North Atlantic Pact, however, contained no obligation that such assistance should necessarily be armed assistance.

A Catholic deputy, a member of the Committee, stated after the meeting that M. Spak had refused to reply to certain questions. The deputy, refusing to say what these questions were, said: "M. Spak hinted that he was unwilling to answer because there were Communists present."

As he left the conference room, the Belgian Premier refused to comment on this point.

PORTUGAL INTERESTED Lisbon, Mar. 17.—The Portuguese Government has been exchanging views with the United States and Britain on the Atlantic Pact for some months. It was authoritatively stated here today.

The Government had been kept informed of the progress of the negotiations in Washington and has asked for clarification of certain points.

This further information has been requested because, since the text has not yet been disclosed, the Portuguese Government could not undertake commitments which it might not be able to fulfill, it was stated.

Official circles said, questions on which Portugal sought clarification included the provision of bases in peace time and the duration of the pact.—Reuter.

Nanking & Peace Proposals (Continued from Page 1)

out on the broad principle of nationalisation of all armed forces.

The other four points—consolidation of "bureaucratic capital," land reform, abrogation of a new political conference in which reactionary elements would be invited, were said to have been accepted by the committee.

The biggest one of these would be the reference to treaties in which Russia is closely involved through the Sino-Soviet pact of 1945.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong HKT 6.00 Programme Summary: 6.00, Music in England during the last four hundred years. Written by Hugh Kirby (Studio); 6.30, Concerto for Violin and Piano by Beethoven (Studio); 6.45, School (Studio); 6.50, Cantopese by S. K. Lee (Studio); 6.55, Harry Parry and His Sextet; 7.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, Sports (Studio); 7.30, "My Songs for You" sung by Maurice Keary (BBC); 7.45, Dances from Czech and the Orchestra; 8.00, "From the Editor's Desk" (Studio); 8.10, "The Good Companions" by J. J. Mather (Studio); 8.15, "This is New Zealand" Story of a Dominion by D. C. Brudenell (Studio); 8.20, A Short Programme of the Music of Grieg; 8.30, Radio News (London Relay); 8.45, "This is New Zealand" Story of a Dominion by D. C. Brudenell (Studio); 8.50, Victor Silvester's Strings; 9.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

OUTWARD MAILS With effect from March 2, 1949, all correspondence intended to be forwarded by Air to London only and then by surface mail to destinations, must be submitted "By Air to London only." In future it will not be sufficient to merely supersede such correspondence "via London."

Air Mail Service to Tientsin and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice. Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. Mails close before 10 a.m. registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 Closing Times By Air: Amoy, 3.30 p.m.; Hong Kong, 3.30 p.m.; Manila, Honolulu, USA & Canada, 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (GPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (Printed Matters, Samples and Small Packet Post) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (GPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Shanghai, 5 p.m.

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Minister Resigns

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 17.—Dr Jan Reisser, Czechoslovakian Minister in Brazil since 1940, has resigned because he is opposed to the Communist regime in his country.

He told reporters that he intended to remain in Brazil as a private individual.—Reuter.

AS THE GALLERY GETS PELTED

JONES & AYRES SHOW HOW TENNIS IS PLAYED

GALLERY'S FAVOURITES



Harry Ayres (top) and B.T.M. Jones (left) lost at 6-1, 0-6, 3-6 to the CRC pair of Roch Leung and Kwok Hing-chung at the HKCC yesterday and the gallery lost the tournament's two most spectacular players.

Yesterday's quarter-final match in the Colony Open Doubles in which this American-Australian partnership was eliminated was a top-notch affair all the way despite the fact that the first two sets were over on a matter of minutes. Many who saw it considered it the best doubles match ever played in Hongkong.

"British Empire Cricket Team"
London, Mar. 17.—The cricket team, composed mainly of Dominion professionals playing in the Lancashire leagues, which is to tour India, Pakistan and Ceylon next winter, is to seek the patronage of the King.

Mr. Jack Livingstone, Australian wicket-keeper, who has negotiated the tour with the Indian cricket authorities, said today that he is to write to the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, on the matter.

It is intended to call the side the "British Empire Touring Team." The team will leave England in October and return in March. They will travel by sea but most of the long internal journeys will be made by air.

George Duckworth, former England wicket-keeper, who has been invited to act as manager, said that his winter activities in sporting journalism and farming interests may prevent him from accepting the offer.—Reuter.

CRICKET TEAMS
COMBINED HONGS
The following will represent the Combined Hong Kong and Kowloon cricket teams in the week-end matches at Chater Road on Sunday.

IRCC
The following have been selected to represent the IRCC in the week-end matches at Chater Road on Sunday.

DOCKYARD RC
A team to represent the Dockyard RC will be selected from the following to play KCC and XI in a friendly match at King's Park on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

Driver, Collins, Gladwin, Lane, Horley, Tucker, Wickham, Moore, Slight, Carr, Mutton and Fuchter (Umpire).

Roch Leung & Kwok Hing-Chung Show How A Match Is Won

By "RECORDER"

The best doubles match in the history of the Colony was played at Chater Road yesterday evening and it was on the house. There is no charge made for admission to the Colony Open Grasscourt Championships until the semi-final round and yesterday's matches were the quarter-finals of the Open Doubles.

With little regard for the other star combinations about, the larger part of the gallery settled around Court 1 to see B. T. M. Jones & H. A. Ayres go down in three sets to Roch Leung and Kwok Hing-chung in what, after the first set, developed largely into a lob and smash game with kills to the sidelines that whistled past the faces of the spectators.

In the third set particularly, all four players forgot about the fact that there are, logic insists, impossible returns and some of the rallies were of a smash and a slice flavour, an overhead smash going back on a flick from the edge of the racket to be smashed again and lobbed up once more.

When terra firma had it, that was the kill, if the ball wasn't headed with a weight of stroke behind it to remind another section of the gallery that it was much too near.

The match was featured by a serve-return-smash first set that saw Ayres and Jones run through it at 6-1 in well under 15 minutes for the loss of 16 points. The Austral-American Roadshow Tennis combination required 27 points to win it.

Then came a conference between Leung and Kwok, backs turned to the gallery and facing south. After that came the anti-climax.

The conference bore fruit. Leung, who took the first service, took the pace off it. Both Jones and Ayres, who had run riot with topspin returns to a good length bounce, drove into the net. It was love game and again love game as Ayres' high-bouncing services came back bounced higher in sky-searching lobs.

Leung and Kwok had an immaculate accuracy in these lobs and every now and then they started Jones and Ayres on a backward gallop to collect the ball bouncing up an inch from the baseline.

The tactics told. The gallery's two most admired stars lost four games to love and collected exactly four points.

In the intermission that came before the deciding set, everyone was friendly. After endeavouring in vain to let everyone else have first go at the water, all four finally compromised by drinking out of the same glass.

DEFENCE CONFERENCE

The Jones-Ayres conference was held partly behind a face-towel, facing south-west and partly on the walk across the court, facing north-east.

Whatever else it failed to accomplish, it won them 32 points in that final set against their opponents' 27.

Their tactics did not change very much except for the fact that their smashing was aimed at the sidelines and, when chances arose for it, was deadly and spectacular.

The umpire, Major Way, had occasion to remark to that part of the gallery within voice-reach that tennis could be a dangerous game.

The first two games were Leung and Kwok's for the loss of four points. Then the Chinese combination lost one of Kwok's service, won on Jones's and one more on Leung's that went to two deuces.

Jones & Ayres were settling down and, had luck been more their way, they might have smashed their way to victory.

The next game was theirs on Ayres' service for the loss of one point. It was the next game that seemed to have turned the tide in their favour but did not.

THE CLASSIC
That seventh game of the third set will ever live as a classic. It went to five deuces before being won by Jones & Ayres off Kwok's service and there were rallies in the course of which the ball travelled 12 to 20 times over the net with just about two bounces off the court in between.

Roch Leung, who it is becoming gradually acknowledged, has never shown better form, refused to let anything past him, high or low was it, quick.

West Indies & Davis Cup
Kingston, Jamaica, Mar. 17.—The British West Indies will enter a team in the International Davis Cup Tennis competition next year.

A Jamaica team will meet Trinidad and British Guiana teams here in April for the British West Indies championship.—Associated Press.

or slow. He covered the court as would a Cochet and his partner, when not crying out "Yours!" touched his steadiest yet.

Jones and Ayres, neither a stickler for accuracy, also settled down at this stage to the never-let-it-get-by-me spirit and the deuce were with one man in the net and the other two steps away in the forecourt with an occasional gallop back to sky the ball once more.

Both Leung and Kwok excelled here in collecting smashes just off the ground and they hardly deserved to lose the game.

Then came anti-climax again. By all the rules of match play, the winners of a multiple-deuce

game at this crucial stage should have taken the next three in a row for victory.

But Jones and Ayres are on unpredictable pair. The next game was lost after deuce off Jones's service and the last, also after one deuce, on Leung's.

POKER-FACE MONOPOLY

With Segalen and Stokes losing 2-5, 2-0 to Ip Koon-hung and Lee Wai-long, an all-Chinese semi-final was reached. But, however much all had to admit that Roch Leung and Kwok Hing-chung had won a grand game on the ideal strategy in the circumstances backed by all the courtcraft in the world and a steady eye for one of the most difficult strokes in tennis, the perfect lob, the gallery went away disappointed.

They had lost the two best showmen in the tournament.

Except possibly for Lee Wai-long, it will be a poker-faced semi-final.

THE RESULTS

Results were:
Lee Wai-long and K. H. Ip, beat R. Segalen and L. F. Stokes, 6-2, 6-2.

Roch Leung and Kwok Hing-chung beat H. Ayres and B.T.M. Jones, 1-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Lee Wai-long and T. T. Chen beat M. Heenan and M. W. Lo, 7-5, 6-0.

Tsui Wai-pul and Tsui Yung-pat beat Luk Ding-cheung and Tsui Ping-fan, 6-4, 7-5.

COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS By "SIDELINER"

KEENER MATCHES AS FIELD NARROWS

Now that the Colony Badminton Championships are reaching the semi-final stage, competition to survive into the next round is touching a razor-edge keenness.

Last evening's matches, played before a capacity crowd at the Club de Recreio, were hard-fought and full of thrills with two matches going the full distance while a third, the Junior Men's Doubles between C. Quinn & A. J. Remedios against F. M. Ribeiro & T. E. Rodrigues, undoubtedly the best game of the evening, went to extra points in each set before Ribeiro & Rodrigues managed to pull through.

The Senior Mixed Doubles—Robert Tay & Miss Marie Ribeiro against W. F. Foo & Miss Helen Kwong—was not devoid of thrills but Tay and Miss Ribeiro did not extend themselves unduly to enter the semi-finals.

This was not for lack of competition, because Foo & Miss Kwong employed tactics which allowed no scope for Tay's formidable smashes but in doing so left themselves at the mercy of Miss Ribeiro who, with most of their short forecourt shots.

Adopting these tactics from the outset, Foo & Miss Kwong found themselves trailing 4-12 in the first set mainly by failing to obtain the necessary height to clear the net with their shots, and those that did cross the net were placed for winners by Miss Ribeiro, who was playing in top form.

There were many rallies between the two ladies at the net with honours going to Miss Ribeiro who was the steadier of the two and refused to be flurried by the varying lengths of the shots sent over by Foo and Miss Kwong. Those that passed her were returned by Tay who covered the back court with fine judgment and speed.

Letting up a little with the score 12-4 in their favour, Tay began to net his shots and the score crept to 12-9 before they ran out the set on errors committed by the opposition.

The second set saw Foo and Miss Kwong leading 4-0 and then 5-2, Tay netting and missing the shuttle in turn. Then, through trying to avoid sending the shuttle too high over the net, Foo and Miss Kwong began to hit into it and the score went to 12-8 against them, whereupon Tay presented

them with three points by driving wide three times in a row.

With Foo netting and Tay executing one of his unorthodox smashes, the score became 14-11 and then it went to 14-13 through fine interception at the net by Miss Kwong and a devastating drive by Foo.

Foo and Miss Kwong tried hard to deuce the set and the service changed sides several times before Tay made one of his terrific overhead smashes to end the match.

JUNIOR MEN'S DOUBLES

The match between F. M. Ribeiro & T. E. Rodrigues and C. Quinn & A. J. Remedios found Ribeiro & Rodrigues turn the tables on Quinn & Remedios who had defeated them in the quarter-finals.

The losers did not give in without a struggle and each point was hotly contested.

Rodrigues started off shakily and lost many points through mistiming his smashes. Quinn & Remedios were combining well and soon led 7-3. With Rodrigues off form, Ribeiro took it on himself to win points until his partner could overcome his nerves and control his strokes.

Rodrigues gradually returned to form but fought shy of smashing until the later stages of the initial game when he suddenly shot into the illegitimate smashes which clipped the net and took the set after it had been deuced at 14-14 and he and his partner were trailing 1-2.

The second set saw Quinn & Remedios jump into a 10-3 lead. Exchanges were fast with Quinn's service which kept the shuttle in the middle to score points. Ribeiro & Rodrigues rallied and led then 13-11.

On Quinn's service, Rodrigues foot-faulted and the game was deuced when he over-smashed. Quinn & Remedios managed to win the first two points of the deuce but Ribeiro pulled some tricky shots while Rodrigues intercepted at the net to win five points in a row for game and match.

In another Junior Men's Doubles match, A. J. Souza & F. M. Rodrigues nearly created an upset when they forced the seeded pair of D. C. Lau & W. C. Chung to three sets. Had it not been for Lau's consistent form and all round command of strokes the result might have been different. As it was, Lau's smashing was the deciding factor in the final set. The first game was won by Lau & Chung 15-10.

In the second game Souza rose to great heights with his fine anticipation and smashes. Trailing 7-8, Souza began his

one-man show and by lobs, drops and smashes he brought the score to 14-9 in his favour. Rodrigues gave his partner great support at this period and they won 15-12.

The third Junior Men's Doubles match was won by C. Y. Yung & K. P. Chong who defeated C. H. Ngan & M. C. Hung 15-9, 15-8 after a short struggle.

Yung & Chong won because they had more killing strokes and were not afraid to use them whereas Ngan & Hung kept on the defensive, though not forced to it by their opponents, and lost out through failure to attack when in a position to do so.

The third game found them tiring and Lau, employing his repertoire of strokes to its utmost went into an 8-4 lead. Rosario tried hard to score but he brought the score to 7-8 but Chung and Lau were irresistible and won the next seven points without losing the service to end a hard fought match.

THE RESULTS

Results were:
Junior Men's Doubles
F. M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodrigues beat C. Quinn and A. J. Remedios, 17-10, 15-10.

Junior Men's Singles
M. T. Yew beat A. L. Fisher, 15-15, 15-12.

Junior Mixed Doubles
C. Y. Yung and K. P. Chong beat C. H. Ngan and M. C. Hung 15-9, 15-8.

Junior Men's Doubles
D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung beat A. J. Souza and F. M. Rodrigues, 15-10, 12-15, 15-7.

Senior Mixed Doubles
R. Tay and Miss M. Ribeiro beat W. F. Foo and Miss H. Kwong, 15-9, 15-13.

Junior Men's Doubles
K. S. Thong and Mrs. Benjamin beat R. M. Soares and Mrs. Correa, 11-15, 15-4, 15-11.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

At Victoria Recreation Club
7.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): W. C. Chung or D. C. Lau v. H. J. Xavier.
7.30 p.m. (Ladies' Singles): Miss Margaret Xavier v. Mrs. L. F. Stokes.

8.00 p.m. (Ladies' Singles): Miss Margaret Xavier v. Mrs. A. Tamworth.
8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): H. F. Tai and W. N. Cheung v. R. M. Soares and J. A. Soares.

Homo Football

London, Mar. 17.—The Football League of Ireland (Elre) and the Irish Football League (Northern Ireland) played a goalless draw in their soccer match at Dublin this afternoon.

In a Rugby Union match in Belfast, Queen's University of Belfast, beat Oxford University by 13 points to three.—Reuter.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS TOMORROW

Ricci Hall Are The Favourites

Ricci Hall is leading Lugard Hall by three points on the tally from six events completed so far in the annual University Athletic Championships and are the favourites to take the Inter-Hotel Championship title tomorrow afternoon when the remaining finals will be held in the first post-war gala affair at Pokfulam. The Championships were held at the Caroline Hill Stadium last year.

Point standings so far are Ricci, 27; Lugard, 24; Morrison, 18; May, 19; Elliot, 2; and St John's, 0.

Considerable interest will be centred on Gerhard Wagner of Lugard's attempt to take all the flat race titles from the 100 yards to the 10,000 metres. He has already won the latter event and the 100 Yards.

He starts favourite for the One Mile, is conceded an even chance in the 440 Yards, has a strong competitor in S. F. Lam of Ricci in the 220 Yards and is rated an even bet with some five others in the 100 Yards.

While the short sprint is regarded as anybody's race, Dick Hanson of May Hall is considered the probable winner.

Ricci's S. F. Lam, considered the University's top-ranking sprinter, is only running in the 220 Yards and is conceding on the jumps and high hurdles.

While Wagner starts favourite in the Quarter, Joe Hotung of Ricci, who trailed him in the 880 Yards in what was nearly a blanket finish, is considered to have a good chance of nipping him at the tape in the shorter race.

Joint favourites with Lam in the High Hurdles are Wong Wing-foon of Lugard and T. T. Chin of Elliot.

FIELD EVENTS

The high jump will probably go to S. F. Lam or Wong Wing-foon. The latter, who has already won the Hop, Step & Jump, also starts favourite in the Long Jump with H. H. Lean of May and Dick Hanson considered his closest rivals.

Two of the throwing events, the discus and javelin, have already been won by Charles Huang of Morrison. The remaining one, the Shot Put, sees Hu Shih-cheng of Elliot as the favourite.

Inge Renner and Maria Bragg are the most-fancied competitors for the ladies' championship.

RESULTS SO FAR

Results of finals decided up to now are:

880 Yards Run: 1. G. Wagner (Lugard); 2. J. Hotung (Ricci); 3. Norman Lo (Morrison); 4. P. Wong (Ricci).

220 Yards Low Hurdles: 1. S. K. Cheong (Ricci); 2. G. Wagner (Lugard); 3. Wong Tin-chung (May); 4. T. T. Chin (Elliot).

10,000 Metres Run: 1. G. Wagner (Lugard); 2. P. Wong (Ricci); 3. I. Robertson (May); 4. Lim King-jin (Ricci).

Javelin Throw: 1. C. L. Huang (Morrison); 2. Richard Yiu (Morrison); 3. T. H. Lean (May); 4. T. T. Chin (May).

Discus Throw: 1. C. L. Huang (Morrison); 2. Lee Lai-hung (May); 3. Foon Kwong-fai (Lugard); 4. T. H. Lean (May).

Hop, Step & Jump: 1. Wong Wing-foon (Lugard); 2. Dick Hanson (May); 3. S. K. Cheong (Ricci); 4. T. T. Chin (Elliot).

Cambridge Crew Impresses

London, Mar. 17.—In adverse conditions, Cambridge University's Boat Race crew rowed an impressive full course trial over four and a quarter miles from Putney to Mortlake today in 20 minutes 10 seconds.

Against a fairly strong tide, and with a strong head wind and choppy water, which impeded smooth rowing, their time was 40 seconds faster than their previous trial nine days ago.

Hovering between 30 and 34 strokes to the minute, Cambridge reached the mile post in four minutes 36 seconds, Hammer Smith Bridge (one and three-quarter miles) in seven minutes 54 seconds, Barnes Bridge (three and a half miles) in 17 minutes three seconds, and the finish in 20 minutes 10 seconds.—Reuter.

ON THE RECORD

More Scope For Local Tennis

The last big upset in the Colony Tennis Championships was Ip Koon-hung's defeat of Tsui Wai-pul in the semi-final round in 1947, ending the reign of the Tsui brothers as Colony Tennis Champions.

Ip today is considered to be in a class only approached by the Tsui. Not far off are Roch Leung and Choy Tin-fook. A shade below are H. Segalen, George Choe, H. A. Ayres, Lee Boon-sing, J. B. Hawthorn and J. S. Beirne.

In a class slightly below the standard of these players are some one score others, the majority of them from the Chinese Recreation Club.

The average club player of fair standard more often than not keeps clear of the Open Championships lest he be drawn in the first round against a "glant" or "non-glant" and eliminated 6-0, 6-1.

A notable example I am told, is that of the Portuguese pair, F. M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodrigues, who did not consider themselves as standing much of a chance in the tournament and had to be persuaded to enter.

They held the Tsui brothers to 6-3, 6-3 and showed considerable promise.

The suggestion has been put forward from different quarters of late that a tournament on the lines of a "Junior" or a "Non-Champions" Championship be organised to give players below the top class a chance of tournament experience of wider scope than can be provided by club championships.

One suggestion made is that such a tournament should exclude the last eight from the previous year's tournament and be run concurrently with the Open Championships.

Another is that the "Junior Championship" should exclude all players who reached the last eight in the Grasscourt Open Championships in the past four years.

This is the third post-war year of the Championships and the last eight have been: 1947—Tsui Wai-pul, T. P. Fan, R. Segalen, Paul Kong, Ip Koon-hung, M. Pagh, George Chon and Tsui Yung-pul.

1948—Ip Koon-hung, Tsui Yung-pul, Choy Tin-fook, S. A. Rumjahn, R. Segalen, H. D. Rumjahn, Mar Nal-kwong and Tsui Wai-pul.

1949—Ip Koon-hung, George Chon, J. B. Hawthorn, Tsui Yung-pul, Roch Leung, R. Segalen, Lee Boon-sing and Tsui Wai-pul.

The idea is not unshared but it does not take into consideration

the fact that the HKCC is hardly in a position to run another tournament for the Colony as a whole and the second round away from Chater Road, the organisation of the Championships may be beyond its scope.

The time has come when the Club affiliated to the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association should take a hand. In running the Championships and, considering the number of grounds that would in such circumstances become available for tennis tournaments, it would be possible to run a Junior Championship that could comfortably accommodate an entry of 128 in both singles and doubles, and it is about time, in ladies' singles and doubles and mixed doubles as well.

Ladies' Championships are now being run by the Ladies' Recreation Club but these are, strictly, Harcourt Championships.

Four island clubs could take over the organisation of four brackets of the Singles Championship and four mainland clubs that of the Doubles up to the quarter-final stage.

It would require nine days at most, weather permitting to reach the quarter-finals under this scheme, four for the first, two for the third and fourth, one each for the third and fourth. From the quarter-finals onwards, the tournament could be carried on at the HKCC or whatever centralised venue the Association would decide upon.

A tournament of this nature, excluding the champions, could attract an entry of 10 to 20 from clubs like Recreio and Craigen-gower whereas the representation of these two clubs together in the current Open Championships numbers less than a dozen.

With a Junior Tournament available to satisfy the tournament experience requirements of players who are yet on the road to Colony Championship class, the Colony Open Championship could be limited to players disqualified from the "Junior", the last sixteen of the "Junior" and whatever other entries, to complete 32, that the Association deems worthy of having a go at the Open Championship.

This system, which will have to be introduced sooner or later, should prove most encouraging to promising younger players whose chances of getting the "feel" of tournaments are vitally nil in the Colony Open Championships where they are already used to the type of play of the opposition.

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MR TRUMAN GREEK CIVIL WAR

No Easy Or Quick Victory

Washington, Mar. 17.—President Truman warned Congress today that signs of the Greek civil war turning against the Communists "do not necessarily presage a quick and easy victory."

Presenting his sixth quarterly report on the United States military aid programme to Greece and Turkey, the President said the guerilla leaders were "ruthless in their methods and willing to ruin Greece in order to dominate her."

Much has been accomplished in training and equipping the Greek armed forces. However, much remains to be done, the President said.

In aid to Ankara, "current emphasis is being placed on providing facilities, materials, supplies and professional assistance, which will help to strengthen the basis structure of the Turkish armed forces," the President stated.

"Despite the material provided, there are deficiencies in equipment and supplies which must be corrected to realise completely the potential effectiveness."

The President spoke of "growing discouragement and dissonance" among the Greek Communist military leaders, and added: "The guerilla movement is approaching bankruptcy in the eyes of the Greek people."

MORE PROMISING
President Truman said the military outlook for Greece was more promising than it had been for some time, but cautioned against expecting a decisive victory by the American-supported Greek Army too soon.

"Unfortunately, experience must warn us that this does not necessarily presage a quick and easy victory."

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President Truman made no mention of the Administration's plan to ask Congress to carry the American aid programme for Greece and Turkey through to June 30, 1949.

Administration officials are now working on the details of such a bill. The amount is expected to be from \$150 million to \$200 million.

OPERATIONS TO DATE
In summarising operations thus far, \$280,402,885 has been allocated for spending in Greece. The total for Turkey is \$90,870,761.

The President estimated that there were about 23,000 active guerillas in Greece now—an increase of 1,000 over the number he reported last September 20.

The Greek Army, he reported, inflicted more than 6,000 casualties since then but nearly 700 additional persons were recruited or abducted by the guerillas during the same period.

The President said the campaign against the guerillas in the last quarter of 1948, however, was a period of apparent stalemate.

The report covered the period from October 1 to December 31, 1948. The President said the Greek offensive in Northern Greece had slacked to a holding operation. He said no major offensive actions were undertaken. The guerilla forces intensified their activities, increased their numbers and now threaten to reopen an offensive in the Grammos area.

The report mentioned only two optimistic factors. It said that the appointment of General Papagos as Army commander increased the forces' "spirit of energy," discipline and leadership, with the result that the military outlook is more promising than it has been for some time.

The President reported that the Greek offensive in the Peloponnese was "making excellent progress." He warned, however, that "this does not necessarily presage a quick and easy victory. It is not an easy thing to train and equip an army engaged in battle."

CITES FACTS
The President said that in addition to training operations, the United States military advisers in Greece had "made permanent" a previously temporary strengthening of the Greek Army and had advised the Greek Government "that the United States Government believes that with effective training, leadership and employment, the Greek armed forces, as at present constituted, can eliminate the guerilla menace in its present proportion."

The President did not, however, underestimate the guerilla strength. He cited the following facts:

The guerilla strength was maintained by a flow of Greek replacements from Albanian, Yugoslav and Bulgarian recruiting. Nearly 7,000 persons were "recruited or abducted" during three months, equalising over 6,000 casualties and raising the total guerilla strength from 22,000 on September 30 to 23,000 on December 31.

Toward the end of the year, "steamer hit and run" attacks against urban centres developed, demonstrating the capacity to mount attacks in force against medium-sized towns in Central and Northern Greece.

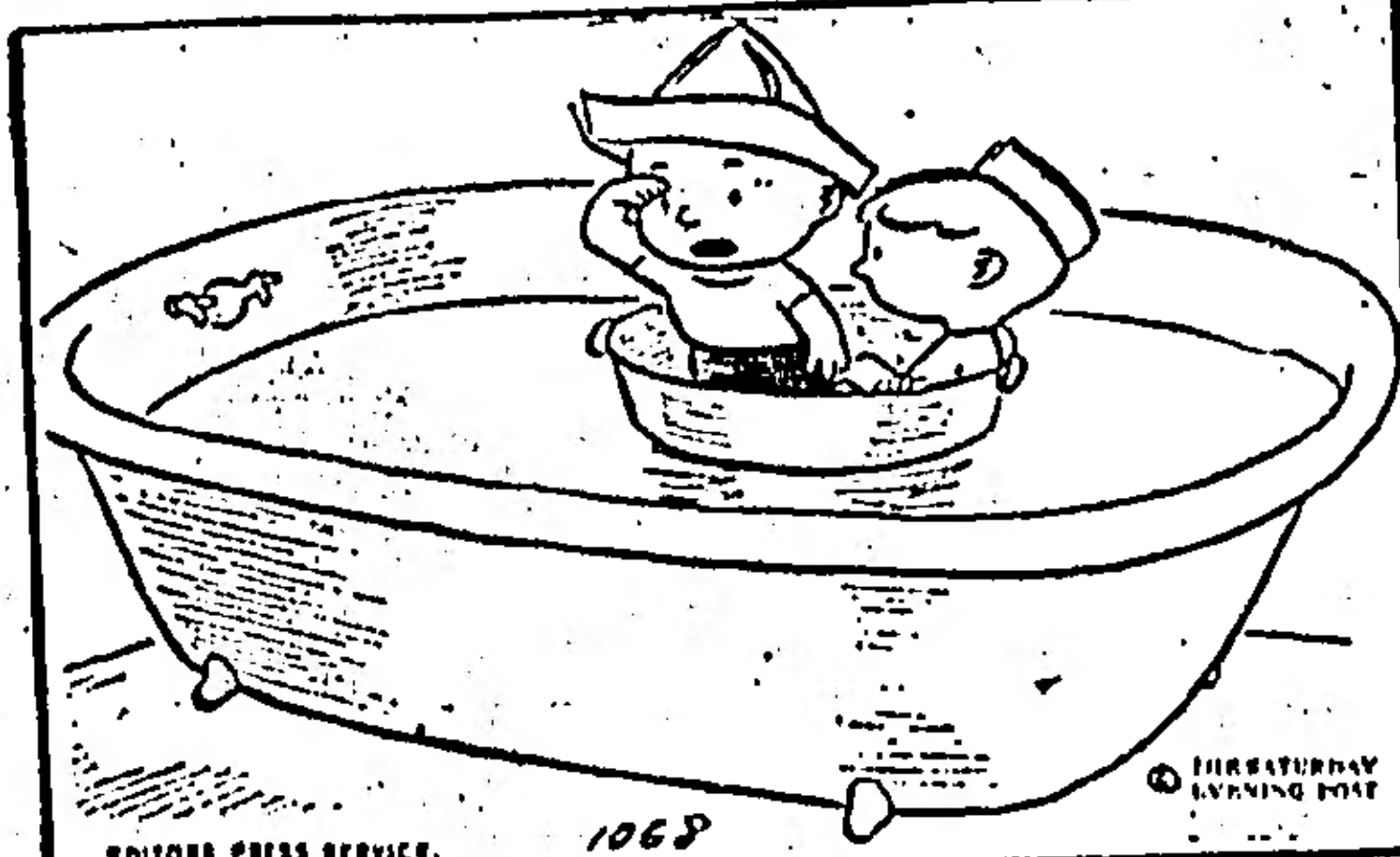
These towns, "suffered cruelly" by buildings "wantonly destroyed on a large scale. The guerillas intensified their recruiting, foraging, sabotage and terrorism both to lower the morale of the Greeks and to discredit and discourage United States assistance."—Reuter.

PILOTS NOT TO BLAME

London, Mar. 17.—The Air Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, told the House of Commons today that the inquiry into the loss of five RAF fighter planes near the Egyptian-Palestine border on January 7 showed that the British pilots had "scrupulously observed" their orders not to cross the frontier or engage in combat.

One British pilot was killed in attacks which reports said came from Israeli ground and air forces.

Replying to a question on the outcome of the inquiry, Mr. Henderson said: "The Jews had every intention of attacking any aircraft encountered over this area. With reference to afternoon reconnaissance the court considered that the Jewish attack was deliberate and highly skilled."—United Press.



"We must be approaching civilisation I can see my mother!"

REVIEWS

A JUNGLE AIRLIFT



Genevieve Cuprys prods charges as she begins unloading baby elephants from cargo plane which brought six baby elephants and an assortment of tropical animals from Singapore to Idlewild Airport, New York. The shipment totalled 133 animals which are bound for American zoos. Miss Cuprys said the animals took to their flying zoo well.—AP Picture.

Siam's Third Element To Be Eliminated SPREADS DISAFFECTION

Bangkok, Mar. 17.—Marshal Phibul Songkram, the Siamese Premier, said in an interview here today that he would take steps to eliminate "Siam's third element," which had spread rumours creating opposition between the Army and the Navy.

"Third element" leaders were accused of instigating fighting between the Siamese Army and Navy in Bangkok on February 26.

The first step would be the reorganisation of Bangkok's University of Moral and Political Sciences—the Law and Economics University—with which the "third element" were connected, the Premier said.

Commenting on the foreign and diplomatic speculation of constitutional and Cabinet changes to ally criticisms, the Premier said the Cabinet would remain and the Government "will not interfere with the destiny of the new draft Constitution."

The Premier said he was maintaining a balance in the Government between the right wing and the left wing elements.

Siam was without a significant "extreme left" political party although "a few Communists are known to have attached themselves to the followers of Field Marshal Phibul Songkram," he said.

Field Marshal Phibul Songkram, former Premier and Senior Statesman, escaped from Siam when Marshal Songkram seized power. He has been named No. 1 accused in the King Ananda assassination trial. Last December, the Siamese police announced that they were conducting an international hunt for him.

INDEFINITE STABILITY
Marshal Songkram said that only a few politicians were actively interested in changing the Siamese Government, and the elimination of the pro-French Panomyong, former Premier and Senior Statesman, would provide indefinite stability.

The Premier added that the present policy of deportation of both Communist and Nationalist Chinese minority leaders, known to be illegally active, was a "sufficient check on Communist or other alien penetration."

The Premier said there were no steps contemplated for outlawing the Communist Party as such. Of the removed Cabinet members for increasing the Navy's hand in the Government after last month's clashes, the Premier said: "As far as I am concerned, the entire Government is due for en bloc resignation within five months when the national elections are due to be held. A reshuffling of experienced and adequate Ministers now would be purposeless."

The Premier said the country's new draft Constitution for giving increased monarchical powers had been prepared by the elected Assembly, had Parliament's ratification and was now in the hands of the Supreme State Council, whose "advice" was awaited.—Reuter.

Negress Foreman Of Jury

New York, Mar. 17.—A Negro housewife, who is a part-time dressmaker, has been chosen foreman of the jury which is to try 11 American Communist leaders here on charges of conspiracy.

The jury includes three Negroes. For seven weeks the defence delayed selection of the jury in trying to prove that juries in New York were not representative and that many groups of citizens were discriminated against.—Reuter.

N. York Blackmail Ring Uncovered

New York, Mar. 17.—A blackmail ring which tapped phones in hotel rooms and extorted more than \$1,000,000 annually from wealthy and prominent victims was today reported to have been "uncovered as the result of an inquiry into a plot to tap the wires of city officials."

The World Telegram said it learned of the blackmail ring in high police quarters and that Mayor William O'Dwyer would confirm its existence at a conference of the city's Democratic Congressmen summoned for the City Hall next Saturday morning. Representative Emmanuel Celler said in the Telegram: "This conference is all important. I will not fail to attend."

The blackmail gang's activities were uncovered when the police started an intensive inquiry into wire tapping as a result of the discovery that some official phones in New York City were tampered with and that there was an apparent plot to extend this wire tapping to Detroit and Chicago. Smoothly functioning, the extortion gang operated mainly on the basis of information provided by staff members of leading hotels and private clubs. The tipsters operated without the knowledge of their employers.

HOW THEY WORKED

The World Telegram said, "If a prominent figure registered at a hotel with someone other than his wife," that fact would be relayed immediately to the ring's Headquarters and a group of highly trained technicians would be assigned to the job.

The Telegram said, "Usually they would be able to obtain the next door room where they would set up the latest type of listening and recording instruments. If they were unable to obtain the next door room they would wait for their quarry to leave his room and by using a hotel employee's pass-key would enter to install the wire recording instrument."

It said the blackmailers worked around the clock and after recording enough "damaging" information would contact the victims to pay huge sums. The Telegram said, "The ring concentrated only on the wealthy, particularly those who could ill-afford to have a scandal crop up in their lives." The story said that the names of the blackmailers were known to the police.

However, it said that police action was stymied because the authorities have been "unable to turn up a single complainant whose charges could lead to their arrest."

Mayor O'Dwyer declined to comment on the blackmail ring except to say that the "police are looking into it." He added that he did not know whether Attorney General Tom Clark would be at the City Hall meeting on Saturday.—United Press.

GOOD PROGRESS

London, Mar. 17.—King George was understood tonight still to be progressing satisfactorily after the operation on Saturday to improve the circulation to his right foot.—Reuter.

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Atomic Security Leakage

Uranium Smuggled Into Mexico

Mexico City, Mar. 17.—It was learned that a leak in the United States' security, through which at least one piece of refined uranium was smuggled to Mexico, was under investigation by American and Mexican secret agents.

The Mexican authorities found uranium—a cylindrical slug about two and a half inches long, an inch in diameter and weighing 220 grams—in the possession of a Mexican detained by a highway patrolman. It was not known if other atomic material had been smuggled out of the United States.

It was learned that Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in the United States were working on two leads which they hoped would disclose the origin of the leak.

A scientific analysis of the uranium found indicated it probably had been stolen from a laboratory somewhere in the chain of the United States' atomic energy production.

It was stated that tests showed the material was uranium of a purity not obtainable in Mexico. It apparently was "natural" uranium—a mixture of that which explodes and that which does not.

News of the discovery electrified United States Embassy officials. The Mexican Foreign Office offered full co-operation in an effort to trace the origin of the material. It was believed the detained man probably was only a go-between, but the investigating authorities here so far have been unable to trace his connections.—United Press.

Bunche Accuses Britain

Lake Success, Mar. 17.—The United Nations Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, has accused Britain of violating the Middle East truce by dispatching troops to Aqaba, informed sources at the United Nations revealed today.

The sources reported that Dr. Bunche made the accusation in reply to a query from Britain asking if Israel had not violated the truce by occupying Elath, a coastal strip along the Red Sea near Aqaba.

The United Nations Security Council resolution of last July banned the entry of fighting personnel into any Middle East area. The Elath coastal area is part of the Negev desert territory assigned to Israel under the original partition resolution.—United Press.

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